

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 8-10 and 12 have been amended by this paper and claims 7 and 14-17 have been cancelled by this paper. Support for the claim amendments may be found throughout the specification and drawings.

The Examiner objected to the drawings because (1) “reference character ‘25’ has been used to designate icons of different use” and (2) “reference character ‘30’ is used to designate both GUIs and keyboards.” (Office action, p. 2). With respect to the first objection to the drawings, it is submitted that reference character 25 is used consistently throughout the drawings to broadly designate icons appearing on the graphical user interface 30, rather than to identify specific types of icons (e.g., “Print” icons, “Fax” icons and “Scan” icons). With respect to the second objection to the drawings, the keyboards shown in Figs. 2-4 are images of keyboards appearing on the graphical user interface 30. For example, the graphical user interface 30 may be a touch screen and the keyboard image may facilitate manipulating the touch screen. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objections to the drawings is respectfully requested.

The Examiner objected to the specification. Appropriate amendments to the specification have been made, thereby obviating the objections.

The Examiner objected to claims 7 and 14. Claims 7 and 14 have been cancelled, thereby obviating the objections.

Claims 14 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 2 for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter regarded as the invention. Claims 7 and 14 have been cancelled, thereby rendering the rejections moot.

Claims 1-7 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by “How to Use Microsoft® Windows® XP” (the “Sams reference”). The rejections are respectfully traversed.

The Sams reference teaches the installation and use of the Windows® XP operating system on a personal computer. Specifically, the Sams reference teaches “if each person using the computer [loaded with the Windows® XP operating system] has an individual user account, each person can have his or her own desktop settings (background, icons, sounds, and so on).” (Sams reference, p. 128). Therefore, the Sams reference discloses a personal computer having personalized desktop settings, including icons, associated with a specific individual user account.

In contrast, the claims of the present application are directed to a network of multifunctional printers connected to a central computer, wherein each multifunctional printer in the network includes a graphical user interface adapted to display a customized icon configuration specific to a current user of the multifunctional printer. The Sams reference makes no mention of multifunctional printers, let alone a network of multifunctional printers. Nor does the Sams reference teach or suggest customized icon configurations displayed on the graphical user interface of a multifunctional printer, let alone customized icon configuration files stored on a central computer for display on the graphical user interfaces of a network of multifunctional printers coupled to the central computer.

It is axiomatic that anticipation under § 102(b) is established only if each and every limitation of a patent claim identically appears in a single prior art reference. *See Gechter v. Davidson*, 116 F.3d 1454, 1457 (Fed. Cir. 1997). Inasmuch as the Sams reference makes no mention of a network of multifunctional printers or customized icon configuration files stored on a central computer and displayed on the graphical user interfaces of a network of multifunctional printers, the Sams reference cannot, as a matter of law, anticipate the pending claims of the present application. Withdrawal of the rejections of claims 1-7 and 14 under § 102(b) is respectfully requested.

Claims 8-10 and 12-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,600,776 to Johnson et al. The rejections are respectfully traversed.

The Johnson et al. reference, like the Sams reference discussed above, makes no mention or suggestion of a network of multifunctional printers or customized icon configuration files stored on a central computer and displayed on the graphical user interfaces of a network of multifunctional printers. Therefore, the Johnson et al. reference cannot, as a matter of law anticipate the pending claims of the present application. Withdrawal of the rejections of claims 8-10 and 12-13 under § 102(b) is respectfully requested.

Claim 16 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,289,371 to Kumpf et al. Claim 16 has been cancelled, thereby rendering the rejection of claim 16 moot.

Claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Johnson et al. reference in view of the Sams reference. For the reasons set forth above, it is submitted that

claim 11 is dependent upon allowable base claims. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claim 11 under § 103(a) is respectfully requested.

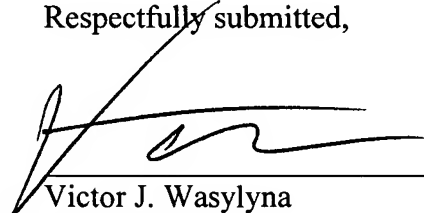
Claim 15 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Sams reference in view of the Kumpf et al. reference. Claim 15 has been cancelled, thereby rendering the rejection of claim 15 moot.

Claim 17 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Kumpf et al. reference. Claim 17 has been cancelled, thereby rendering the rejection of claim 17 moot.

Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and formal notice thereof is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to treat any paper that is filed in this application, which requires an extension of time, as incorporating a request for such an extension. (37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3)). The Commissioner is further authorized to charge any fees required by this paper or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-0809.

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